

On your label is a date;
Renew before it is too late.

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THE OLD MILL BUILDING BURNS

Was Occupied by the Mexico Poultry Association—Destroyed Thursday Morning.

FIRE COMPANY FIGHTS

BLAZE FIVE HOURS

Shrout & Ryan Lose Contents of Building, Valued at Near \$2,500.

The old custom mill building on North Jefferson Street was destroyed by fire Thursday morning, the fire breaking out at two o'clock. Lindell Rudasill first discovered the flames and they were breaking out through the roof. The fire department had a long hard fight, keeping up the work of throwing water till after daylight.

V. F. Ryan and Harry Shrout occupied the building in the poultry business. They lost all their books and other property, worth near \$2,500, including about \$150 worth of chickens and other poultry supplies. There was \$2,000 insurance.

The building was owned by Sam Arkey Commission Co., of St. Louis.

It was one of the old landmarks of town, erected near 40 years ago. Wm. Conger operated the mill a long time. Wm. Steffens and E. E. Jones were interested in the mill later. All the above are dead. A. D. Williams, now living in Kansas, operated the mill for a time. C. C. Cleveland, still with us and a resident of Mexico, was one of the late helpers in the mill.

But all that remains of the old structure now is the smokestack and the smoked and parched walls.

THE WEATHER

Been the finest ever. Note Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—Thermometer up around 65 at noon Monday.

THOMPSON LETTER

Thompson, Mo., Jan. 29, 1917.—A rain Sunday night that made the roads almost impassable for a rig of any kind.

Mr. Allen, who has resided at Thompson for several years, and worked in the blacksmith shop, moved with his family to Mexico to reside. He gets employment at the brick plant.

Jesse Hoover and family, who have been living with Mr. Hoover's father for the past year, has moved back to the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brenton entertained Sunday W. H. Dempsey and family, Mrs. J. W. Rutter and son, Claude; Chas. McGlaughlin and Miss Ella Geary.

Columbus Ploot, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is reported some better.

Mrs. Frank Hoover and little daughter have returned home from Slater after a week's visit with Mrs. H.'s brother.

Mrs. Edwin Davis, who has been suffering with the rheumatism for quite a while is some better, we are glad to state.

E. M. Morris and family spent Sunday afternoon with George and Miss Martha Pool.

Chas. McGlaughlin and W. H. Dempsey visited their uncle, C. M. Rutter and sister, west of Centralia latter part of past week.

R. R. Arnold has been elected president of the First National Bank, to succeed his father who died recently. He's a good man, experienced and worthy of any big honor. Judge E. B. Gantt has been elected a director in the same bank.

A month of revival services will be given at the Methodist church in this city next Sunday, Rev. S. W. Hayne, the pastor will be assisted by Rev. John B. Andrews, of Siloam, Ark. Miss Anne Andrews will conduct special services for women and children, and C. P. Curry soloist and choir leader, well known here, will conduct the song services.

Chris Marburg, of Laddonia, paid The Message a pleasant call Monday.

W. W. FRY, President,
MEXICO SAVINGS BANK
44th Year in Business
Capital Stock \$100,000
J. R. JESSE, Cashier.

LADDONIA LETTER.

"Discouraged" Autos—The Denmark Mercantile Co.—Mr. Overbaugh Moving.

Laddonia, Mo., Jan. 29.—With these early spring-like days Laddonia and vicinity seem restless and unsettled. All are waiting for the hustle and bustle of spring. The buying of several farms is under advisement, houses are rented, and a residence of two is being contemplated.

Everett Overbaugh of near Vandalia is moving this week to the Mrs. Onie Deal property here and will assist J. C. DeLaporte in the hardware business.

The Hagar Bros., managers of the garage and electric light system, are very busy this week wiring houses, assisting in invoicing the Martinsburg garage, and, last, but not least, helping discouraged and suspended autos back to town, account of the light rain and resultant mud first of the week.

Mrs. M. A. McVey and Miss Lulu arrived home last Thursday from a visit to Cartier, Ontario, where they spent a part of the winter with their son and brother, Jouett McVey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stotter and little son visited homefolks here first of the week.

Claude Williams of the U. S. Navy is visiting homefolks here.

At the installation of officers of the Eastern Star Friday night a general good time was had. About 80 persons were present.

J. S. McCune visited relatives (?) in Vandalia Sunday.

W. E. Summers returned from a business trip to Wheatland, Wyoming.

The stockholders in the Denmark Mercantile Co. are well pleased with the business of the past year and have voted an increase of stock in shares for the coming year.

Mrs. Fount Davis of Erskine, Canada, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

HIGH HILL LETTER.

Fine weather, and gripe and measles plenty.

High Hill has had quite a mad dog scare. A dog passed thru here two or three weeks ago, fought with several of the neighbors' dogs at night and was seen several times, but no one thought anything much about it. In about ten days' time Ben Pullis, Eliza Pullis and Lee Miller's dogs died and Lee had three fine brood sows the veterinary said had the rabies. The dog died near High Hill School House.

It wore a collar which had the letters "M. Berg" inscribed on it. Bob Palmer of Centralia visited B. F. Pullis Sunday.

Elmer Shock lost a valuable mare last week.

J. O. Sims and family visited Edgar Sims Sunday.

"Aunt" Margaret Pullis is sick at this writing at her home in Mexico.

A small son of L. L. Spencer was taken very sick Friday night. Dr. Fulkerson of Gant was called. The boy is better, getting along all right now.

Beverly Mayes and family motored out to Tom Broadus' Sunday.

Born, to the wife of Tom Broadus, on the 15th inst., a fine girl.

E. P. Pullis and family visited B. F. Pullis Sunday.

Lee Miller lost three brood sows worth \$40 each, and two calves worth \$20 each.

L. L. Spencer lost a good sheep lately. Thinks it the work of dogs. Better look out or there will be a dog killing soon.

Ray Sims has moved to Mrs. Mettie Brown's farm, east of Gant.

Mrs. Carl Hughes, of Santa Fe, was operated on at the Mexico hospital this week.

Archibald Williamson, proprietor of the Jefferson Pharmacy, has gone into bankruptcy.

Mrs. M. A. Hornback, of Monroe City, came Wednesday to visit her son, Rev. J. M. Hornback and wife, and also her daughter, Miss Mary Lucy Hornback, who is attending Hardin.

Miss Ignor Jacobson, of Chicago, who has taught at Kennett, Mo., has been elected to take the place of the late Miss Frances Glandon, in the Latin Department of McMillan High School. She arrived Tuesday and took up her work Wednesday morning.

FARM AND STOCK.

Wm. Norman, of the vicinity of Santa Fe, and George Trimble, each are feeding a load of cattle for the market.

J. W. Jones is looking after the farm near Mexico while his family live in town and the children attend school.

Paul Freeman, near Rensselaer, gathered nine tons of honey last season, it is said, which he extracted and sold at \$1.00 per gallon. Brought him some money.

W. T. Northcutt, up towards Centralia, sold 36 205-lb. hogs to Wheeler Gant for the total of \$774.90. Is feeding 46 shoats for next summer's market.

Joe Sonsidine owns 970 acres of land just northeast of Thompson. He bought 210 acres of Judge Alex Carter the other day, at \$72.50 an acre, adjoining this tract that makes his full land holdings at Thompson 1,180 acres.

Centralia Courier says: Saturday morning Colonel J. R. Brown was notified by the party on his farm near Gant that a couple of his fine steers had disappeared and the Colonel drove down at once to investigate. Upon arriving he was told a mistake had been made in the count and the entire 110 head were accounted for. Thinking that as long as he was there he also might as well count them; he came up 2 head short and no amount of search could locate the missing. Toward dark they happened to notice a straw rick had fallen and leaving orders to go into it the next morning, Mr. Brown came home. Upon going back he was informed that both the steers had been found under the straw and none the worse off for their two-days of imprisonment.

A CHEERING NOTE.

At home, January 25, 1917.—Mr. John Beal, Dear Editor:—I notice by today's paper you and your father are both sick. Hope you and also Uncle Henry will be all right by the time you get this. You will find inclosed my check for enough of the good stuff to keep the Message coming to me till August 13, 1918. Keep your fight up for good morals and make it stronger by supporting only the good men and if you can't make both ends meet and pay the high cost of living and the high price of paper and the people will gladly pay the price if you give them the worth of their money.

Again hoping for your recovery and that of your good father, I am, as ever, your friend,
JAMES A. MONTAGUE.

Miss Gertrude Stuart of Laddonia was brought to the Mexico hospital for treatment Monday.

Mrs. L. T. Dudley of Rush Hill who has been ill at the Mexico Hospital was able to return home Saturday.

Mrs. W. O. Forrist became very ill last week. She is 87 years old.

George Duncan while working on a trestle near the Brick Plant lost his balance and was compelled to leap to the ground, a distance of ten or 12 feet. One of his ankles was dislocated and the other foot was quite seriously strained and hurt. He will be laid up for a time. It was a narrow escape from more serious hurts.

Gov. Fred. Gardner has named X. P. Willey, formerly of Mexico, as one of the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis. We all know here that it is a fine appointment. By the way, Gov. Gardner is making that kind of appointments in these times. We congratulate him in his good show of sense and judgment.

Mr. and Mrs. Field Ackridge, of Laddonia, have been quite ill with the gripe but are now better.

Judge E. S. Gantt enjoyed a visit this week from his brother, Eustice Gantt, of Missoula, Montana.

The "adlet" in The Message two weeks ago found that lost mule and it was returned to the owner. It pays to advertise in the Message.

MT. CARMEL LETTER.

Jeff Hamlett butchered last week. Wm. Fisher has been taking treatment for defective hearing.

Uncle Henry Alexander, one of our pioneer citizens, died Saturday night, a week ago, of the gripe. Uncle Henry was born in Belgium, January 23, 1842. He and his father and three brothers came over to this country in 1857. His father and two brothers passed into the future life before him, leaving only one brother, Fred. Uncle Henry never married, but made his home with Mrs. Ed. Tuggle. One thing can be said of him that few men can boast of, and that is he never had a falling out or a cross word with a neighbor that anyone ever knew of. The funeral was preached at Mt. Olivet by Bro. Wimmell. His talk was a lesson to the living, from the text, "Prepare to meet thy God." Uncle Henry will long be remembered by his many friends in this neighborhood.

A. J. Middleton is feeding 64 hogs for the February market.

Vernie Hall has been laid up some as the result from a fall from a load of hay.

POWELL FORD LETTER

Mr. Newberry is shredding fodder. Conrad Schutte sold his nice span of mules to his brother, Will Schutte. All are sorry to hear of Miss Anna McMurtry's illness. She is not able to teach school. She has a severe attack of gripe.

Mrs. Robert Powell and son, Chas., of Duly vicinity, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ridgeway of this vicinity took birthday dinner with W. N. Powell Friday.

Many of this vicinity were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Arnold and Mr. Llewellyn. Both were good men and the country will miss them as well as the town. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mason and family took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Carter, of Duly vicinity.

M. N. Powell delivered hogs last week to Fred Roberts at \$10.60.

Wm. Mason is having his windmill repaired. The wind January 21 damaged it quite a good deal.

CHAMP CHIMES

Dean & Dicus lost a fine work mule a few days ago by being kicked to death.

Miss Jennie Dean is visiting Miss Lucile Duncan, who is a student in the Normal at Kirksville.

A. B. Weidner is preparing to erect a large sheep barn on his farm. The heavy timbers will be cut on his place by a Callaway county saw mill.

Rev. H. I. Cobb left for St. Louis Monday night to have his eyes treated by a specialist.

DR. SETTLE DEAD.

Dr. J. W. Settle, 89 years old, died at his home on North Missouri Avenue, in this city, at 8:30 Tuesday morning. He had been in failing health for some time.

Dr. Settle was a native of Rappahannock County, Virginia. Came to Missouri in 1864, settling near Palmyra. Came to Audrain County in 1878. Operated a farm near Molino until five years ago when he moved to Mexico.

He was twice married. The first wife was Miss Anna Rodgers, of Culpeper, Va. To this union three children were born—Edwin M. Settle, of this county; Charles J., of Kansas City and Emmett W., of Texas, all living. The wife died in 1882. Four years later Dr. Settle was married to Mrs. Jennie Crawford, of Monroe county, who survives him. No children by this union. Four brothers survive—W. F. Settle, of Mexico. Chas. F. Settle, of Kansas City and John and Jett Settle, of Monroe county.

Dr. Settle graduated from a medical school in Keokuk, Iowa. He never practiced medicine after coming to Audrain. He was a splendid citizen and Christian gentleman. Rev. I. M. Turnage held a short service at the home yesterday morning after which the body was taken to Long Branch for burial.

W. G. Ball, of St. Louis, has become the partner of Kirk Roberts, in the garage business in Mexico. They will use the entire floor of the Lawder building. The building is being remodeled.

The Mexico Commercial Club has changed its name to the Mexico Business Men's Association. The organization expects to accomplish great things for Mexico this year.

Weekly Market Letter

(Furnished by Woodson-Fennelwald L. Com. Co., Nat'l Stock Yds., Ill.)

National Stock Yards, Ill., Jan. 30.—Cattle receipts have been fairly liberal this week and the market 15 to 25c lower on all grades of killing cattle, while stockers and feeders are about steady.

Bulk choice steers \$10.50 to \$11.50. Good \$9.65 to \$10.15 Medium \$8.40 to \$8.85. Fair killers \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Choice light heifers \$9.25 to \$10. Good \$8.25 to \$9. Medium \$7.25 to \$7.65. Fair \$6.25 to \$7.

Choice cows \$8 to \$8.75. Good \$7.25 to \$7.65. Medium \$6.15 to \$6.65. Cutters \$5.50 to \$5.75; .Caners \$5.15 to \$5.35.

Choice bulls \$7.75 to \$8.25. Good \$7 to \$7.50. Medium \$6 to \$6.50.

Hog receipts fairly liberal, market steady. Best butcher and heavy hogs \$11.65 to \$11.80. Mixed and light hogs \$11.50 to \$11.60. Good weight pigs \$10.25 to \$10.50. Light pigs \$8.75 to \$9.25. Good packers \$10.75 to \$11.

Sheep receipts 2,000, market 10 to 15c lower. No aged sheep on sale. Good to choice yearlings \$12 to \$12.75. Fair to good \$11.25 to \$11.75. Good fat sheep quotable from \$10.00 to \$10.35. Strictly choice lambs would have sold around \$14.40 to \$14.60.

MOLINO LETTER.

Mr. Marion Flynt of Hallsville was the guest of his son, Dr. J. F. Flynt and family, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Weaver and son and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weaver of Skinner were guests of H. L. Weaver and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams of Santa Fe were guests of Mrs. Nan Williams Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Robinson of Hannibal is visiting Mrs. R. L. Robinson.

Mrs. Annie Davis went to Santa Fe Saturday on a short visit.

Dr. F. P. Wood of St. Louis was a Molino visitor Sunday.

Mrs. James Camplin of Santa Fe spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. John Heizer.

Cecil and Lewis Tanner of Skinner spent Sunday at H. L. Weaver's.

Mrs. Marion Worley and daughter of Mexico are the guests of Mrs. Henry Fisher.

Miss Reby Fisher is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Beam, of South Fork neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tanner and son and Mrs. Irma Spurling and daughter of Skinner and Forest Berry and family were guests of Harry Heizer and family Sunday.

While there Mrs. Berrey happened to what might have been a serious accident. She started to the bed-room to lay her sleeping baby down; she looked back over her shoulder taking and opened the door to the basement, plunged head foremost, with the baby in her arms, about nine feet. Dr. Flynt was called in and said there were no bones broken, and at this writing glad to state Mrs. Berrey is getting along all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendrix and Miss Edna Cauthorn were guests of Mrs. A. J. Cauthorn Monday.

Mrs. Lugenia Tanner and Miss Leta Weaver were guests of Mrs. J. F. Flynt Wednesday.

Miss Naomi Montgomery of Mexico spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Heizer.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Lon Heizer and daughter, Irene; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin and children, Wm. Hester, Mrs. R. L. Robinson and Master John Theodore Barnes.

Mrs. John Heizer and daughter were guests of Mrs. Camplin of Santa Fe.

There will be preaching at Mt. Zion next Sunday, Feb. 4th. Everybody invited to be present.

The older boys and girls of the Community Sunday School at Rush Hill, with their play, "Which One Won?" made a great "hit" Saturday night. It took so well that the Benton City folks urged that the play should be repeated for them next Saturday night. See full program in the Message. We predict Benton City will have a crowded house.

Mrs. Clara Snidow and daughter, Miss Ethel Snidow, left last week for a visit in Tulsa, Okla.

MR. LLEWELLYN DIES SUDDENLY

Happy and Joked With His Friends Thursday, But Early Next Day Was a Corpse—Succumbs to Heart Trouble.

WAS BURIED SUNDAY WITH THE HONORS OF MASONRY.

His Pastor, Rev. A. A. Wallace, Preaches Funeral Sermon—He Was One of Our Most Highly Esteemed Citizens.

Mexico was shocked Friday morning to hear that Mr. J. F. Llewellyn, one of the city's very best citizens, had suddenly passed away. Thursday he appeared well and happy and joked with his friends—only was complaining from a little cold—but that evening at about seven o'clock he suffered an attack of heart trouble from which he did not rally and at about one o'clock a. m. he had passed hence.

Mr. Llewellyn was a native of Kentucky, born September 30, 1845. He came to Mexico in 1869 and engaged in the drug business. He was already expert in this line and became one of the most famous chemists and druggists in the West. He was ever a student and was learned along many lines of study. He was always unpretentious, but if you asked him a hard question he was always ready with an answer.

In 1879 Mr. Llewellyn was married to Miss Sallie C. Duncan of this county, who survives him. Four children survive—Henry D., Fred W., Mrs. Abbie Snoddy and Merrett, all of this city. Mr. Llewellyn was the constant companion of these three boys, a beautiful example for any father and son to follow.

Mr. Llewellyn always took an active interest in public affairs. He was Government weather observer here for years. He had bank holdings in the Mexico Savings Bank, The North Missouri Trust Co., the Bank of Bellflower and the Bank of Slater.

In all business ventures he was a success. His friends were legion. In his private and public life he was an example of how it is possible to live so that even one's enemies must be at peace with you.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Presbyterian church, funeral sermon preached by his pastor, Rev. A. A. Wallace. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in the city.

It was the largest Masonic gathering ever seen here. The Knights Templar acted as escort to the body of Masons, there being about 150 in line. The church house was packed with friends of the departed.

The pall bearers were, J. G. Lake, A. C. Barnes, S. P. Emmons, G. W. Adams, L. B. Hawthorne and A. K. Luckie. Persons from Centralia, Fulton, Gant, Central, Santa Fe, Rush Hill and Benton City attended the funeral.

GANT LETTER.

The new cases of measles are Ermidine Shock, Ruth Sellars and Densell Dalby.

Levi Winn sold a load of hogs to parties in Centralia last week.

Mrs. J. B. Nevins has just returned from a week's visit in Columbia.

Miss Nellie Booth from Beaver Dam is visiting Miss Catherine Hickman.

C. C. Davidson has been very sick. But is some better at this writing.

Jesse Pullis sold a pair of mules to Mr. Dean.

We learn that Austin B. Smith and family are to return to Mexico from Boonville where they have been living for several years. They are the finest of folks and the Message would rejoice to have them back.

L. N. Ketter, formerly of Mexico, later of Kansas City, has been chosen to a fine business position in Syracuse, New York.

Rev. Frank Haggard, of Detroit, Mich., and Howard Haggard, of Texas, came last week on a visit to their father here, W. S. Haggard, who has been very ill.